(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Out of 770 ISP Licenses issued till 31.07.07, 275 ISP Licenses reported start of service, while 397 ISP Licences were surrendered/terminated. Moreover as per provisions of License agreement show cause notices for termination were issued to 51 Licenses for not starting the service and the request of 7 ISP Licensees is under consideration for surrender of License before start of service. Further 40 ISPs have not completed the stipulated time-frame of 24 months from date of signing the License agreement for start of service.

Delay in procuring equipments

1232. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers which BSNL adds each month;

(b) the reasons for having no additions in the month of April, May and June, 2007;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company has already lost Rs. 110 crore in revenue because of the delay in procuring equipments; and

(d) if so, by when the equipments would be procured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) Sir, during 2007-08, BNSL has added following number of subscribers month-wise:

Sl. No.	Month	Net addition in the No. of telephone customers
1	April, 2007	70,181
2	May, 2007	(-)50,348
3	June, 2007	2,20,097
4	July, 2007	3,44,072

(b) As seen from the information given above, BSNL has added subscribers in months of April, June and July, 2007. However, for the month of May, 2007, the gross addition in telephone connections was 8,96,873 against surrender/ disconnections of 9,47,221 resulting in net disconnections. Position has improved from June, 2007 onwards.

(c) BSNL's loss is merely on account of opportunity lost which can not be construed as revenue loss.

(d) Availability of equipment is a continuous process. As regards GSM Mobile equipment, the tender evaluation process has been concluded and Advance Purchase Order (APO) has been placed on the successful bidder. The bidder has accepted the offer by submitting Purchase Bank Guarantee (PBG), with some conditions, which are under evaluation. Equipment is expected to be progressively available in about six months time from the date of acceptance of Purchase Order.